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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 B 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Karen Majcher, Vice President High Cost & Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 200 Washington D.C. 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

FCC Rules Section 54.314 - USF Affidavit (SAC290554)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On behalf of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Sincerely,

David L. Nace

## CC Docket No. 96-45 Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification of BLEDSOE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. P.O. Box 609, Pikeville, Tennessee 37367

## AFFIDAVIT (SAC 290554)

- I, <u>John Lee Downey</u>, <u>President</u> of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:
- 1. I am the President of the Cooperative;
- 2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Tennessee where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
- 3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(37);
- 4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
- 5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2010 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signature: Date: September 28, 2010

Print Name: John Lee Downey Title: President

State of Tennessee

County of Bledsoe

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared John Lee Downey, President, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of September, 2010.

My Commission expires 07-30-2012

STATE
OF
TENNESSEE
NOTARY
PUBLIC

Notary Public